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S. 1846

To provide assistance to rebuild communities, schools, and hospitals damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2005

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMMUNITY DISASTER LOANS; PUBLIC ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE ALLOWABLE COSTS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—In this
6 section:

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “local govern-
8 ment” means a local government (as defined in sec-
9 tion 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
10 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)),

1 that has suffered a loss of tax or other revenue as
 2 a result of a major disaster described in subsection
 3 (b).

4 (2) INCLUSION.—The term “local government”
 5 includes a sheriff department in the State of Lou-
 6 isiana that has suffered a loss of tax or other rev-
 7 enue as a result of a major disaster described in
 8 subsection (b).

9 (b) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision
 10 of law, no limitation on the amount or percentage of as-
 11 sistance that may be provided in the form of a community
 12 disaster loan under section 417(b) of the Robert T. Staf-
 13 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
 14 U.S.C. 5184(b)) shall apply to any community disaster
 15 loan made under section 417 of that Act to assist any local
 16 government having jurisdiction over an area in which a
 17 major disaster relating to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane
 18 Rita was declared to exist by the President in accordance
 19 with section 401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

20 (c) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ALLOWABLE COSTS.—Not-
 21 withstanding any other provision of law, no prohibition or
 22 limitation on reimbursement of salaries (including section
 23 206.228(a)(4) of title 44, Code of Federal Regulations (or
 24 a successor regulation)) shall apply with respect to reim-
 25 bursement of straight- and regular-time salaries of public

1 personnel that provide, on or after August 29, 2005, es-
2 sential public services in the State of Louisiana on behalf
3 of that State.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

7 **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, of the amounts made available to the Depart-
10 ment of Homeland Security under the heading “DISASTER
11 RELIEF” under the heading “EMERGENCY PRE-
12 PAREDNESS AND RESPONSE” of Public Law 109–
13 62 (119 Stat. 1991), not less than \$1,500,000,000 shall
14 be available to the heads of the appropriate departments
15 or agencies of the Federal Government to carry out the
16 programs and activities authorized under this Act.

17 (b) AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED.—The amounts
18 appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available
19 until expended.

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